

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
LOK SABHA**

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Employment in Agriculture  
Dhruvanarayana Shri Rangaswamy

**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the percentage decrease in employment in agriculture for farmers in the country during the last three years, Year-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has given incentives to increase employment opportunities in agriculture sector if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

श्री अलुवालिया जी का प्रश्न :—  
श्री अलुवालिया (SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA)

(a): As per the latest Survey on 'Employment and Unemployment Situation in India' conducted by the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO), the estimated workforce engaged in agriculture and allied sector has come down from 24.74 crore in 2009-10 to 23.18 crore in 2011-12, i.e., about 6 percent.

(b) & (c): Agriculture being a State subject, the State Governments take appropriate measures for development of agriculture, including generation of employment opportunities in the sector. Union Government supplements their efforts through various policy measures and budgetary support.

With a view to increase the profitability and productivity in the agriculture sector, Government has taken several steps which include, inter alia, improving farm practices, increasing investment, creating rural infrastructure, coverage under protective irrigation, enhancement of minimum support prices of agricultural commodities, forging appropriate backward and forward linkages, etc. Furthermore, to increase the employability of workforce in agriculture, various skill development initiatives, agricultural extension and training programmes are being undertaken.

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